(b) what is the number of vacancies, if any;

(c) the manner in which Government propose to remove the imbalance between direct recruits/promotees and by when; and

(d) whether any final seniority list of Deputy Superintendents of Police has been prepared in accordance with the Senior Superintendents of the Jammu and Kashmir Gazetted Police Service Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have furnished the following information:

I	The sanctioned cadre strength of Deputy Supdt. of Police in Jammu & Kashmir.	243
II	Posted strength of these.	232
	(i) Direct Recruits	53
	(ii) Promotees	179
III	No. of vacancies	11

The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have further informed that pending finalisation of recruitment rules, steps are being taken to fill up vacancies on *ad hoc* basis.

Population of various Communities in Jammu and Kashmir

1861. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Argons, Bakawalas and Gujars in Jammu and Kashmir; the number of those who are educated, engineers/doctors; employed/unemployed and since when;

(b) the percentage of educated, employed out of the above; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ameliorate their conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The 1991 Census could not be conducted in Jammu and Kashmir State owing to disturbed conditions prevailing in that State then.

In the decennial population Censuses after Independence, no information on caste/tribe is collected except in respect of Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes, and Gujjars, Argons and Bakarwals in Jammu and Kashmir were not notified in the list of Scheduled Castes/Tribes for Jammu and Kashmir at the time of the 1981 Census.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have, however, informed that the population of Gujjars, Bakarwals and Argons was estimated to be 547, 150,34,900 and 2;200 respectively. The statistical details concerning the educational status at different levels and details about the employment etc. have not been complied.

The Government of India have recently declared Gujjars and Bakarwals among others as Scheduled Tribes. It is expected that this step will help in ameliorating their conditions.

Killing/Abduction of Political Leaders in Jammu and Kashmir

1862. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MLAs/MLCs and Political leaders killed/abducted in

Jammu and Kashmir from 1988 till date year-wise; and

(b) if so, the number of prisoners released so far to rescue the hostages during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that 15 MLAs/MLCs and senior political leaders were killed in the State from 1988 to 1992 (upto February, 1992), year-wise break-up is awaited. 4 MLAs/MLCs were abducted during this period, of which 1 MLA was killed by his captors, 2 were released unconditionally and 1 MLC was rescued by the security forces. No terrorist was released to secure release of these hostages.

Mismanagement of Funds by the Association of Food Production, New Delhi

1863. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints of mismanagement of funds by the Association of Food Production, New Delhi during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken against this organisation; and

(c) if so, what are the charges and the nature of action taken against the management of this Association so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) No association by the name of "Association of Food Production" has reported any receipt of foreign contribution to this Ministry and therefore (b) & (c) do not arise. However, foreign contribution is being reported by Action for Food Production, New Delhi, which is a registered association under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976.

Pension to Madurai Conspiracy Freedom Fighters

1864. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madurai Conspiracy case has been recognised as part of freedom movement;

(b) if so, the reasons for not settling cases of Madurai conspiracy participants for grant of Freedom Fighter's pension;

(c) whether a representation dated the 7th March, 1992 has been received by Government from Madurai conspiracy case Freedom Fighter's Sangam, Madurai, Tamil Nadu urging for settlement of such cases; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Madurai Conspiracy case has been recognised for grant of pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980. Applications received from the participants of the said movement are considered and pension sanctioned in all cases wherever State verification reports are received and which fulfil the criteria prescribed under the scheme. Further, Central Government has received a representation dated 7-3-1992 from Madurai Conspiracy case Freedom Fighter's Sangam, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. The State Government of Tamil Nadu have been requested to furnish a detailed report